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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the present amendment, all of the claims have been cancelled without prejudice and independent Claim 63 has been added. The claims were cancelled in order to reduce the number of issues for appeal, and not because of any real issues of patentability. Any rejections concerning those claims are now moot.

Newly-added independent Claim 63 is comprised of the limitations in originally-filed Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 30, and therefore does not contain any new matter.

In the Final Office Action dated January 30, 2004, the Examiner required an appropriate correction be made because of informalities in the disclosure. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate what amendment to the specification is required, in order that applicant make the required correction.

In the Final Office Action dated January 30, 2004, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) as not showing all the features of the invention specified in the claims. FIG. 9 is being added in this Amendment, which shows each and every feature in independent Claim 63. Newly-added FIG. 9 contains no new matter, as it consists of features recited in originally filed Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 30. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

As stated above, all the rejections directed to the now-cancelled claims are now moot. Furthermore, it is believed that the combination of steps recited in independent Claim 63 is patentable over any combination of *Klots et al.* (US 6,622,127), *Porter I* (US 6,429,699), "Peapod I", *Fullington et al.* (US 3,628,807), *Lipowsky et al.* (US 2,159,279), and *Porter II* (US 5,774,053).

Allowance of independent Claim 63 is respectfully requested.

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